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Called on German Ambassador this morning to coordinate approaches to RGUB and inform him of US position on recognition East Germany per reference circular telegrams. Agreed he should be first to approach Foreign Office and that US would communicate with Burmese Monday or Tuesday as soon as we received Secretary testimony before Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

After two paragraphs expressing Federal Republic's approval of agreement and hope it will lead to more substantive developments towards disarmament, question of recognition East Germany taken up along following lines in paragraphs (3) and (4) of note German Embassy will deliver Foreign Office today: Paragraph 3-first sentence states question of whether Federal Republic can adhere must await decisions relating to situation arising from Soviet occupation of portion of Germany. Second sentence states that the making of this decision would be facilitated if the Burmese Government refrained from any action which would jeopardize previous positions taken with respect to non-recognition of the authorities in the zone of Germany occupied by the Soviet Union. Third sentence expressed appreciation of Federal Republic for Burmese action in past in refusing to recognize authorities in Soviet occupied zone of Germany. Paragraph 4--Federal Republic trusts that in event authorities in Eastern Germany endeavor

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to transmit to Burmese Government notification of their adherence to Test Ban Treaty, Government of Burma will reject on grounds East Germany not a government or, at least, will refrain from responding.

Re paragraph (3) I observed that juxtaposition of first and second sentences could be interpreted as suggestion on the part of Federal Republic that Burma not sign until such time as Federal Republic had reached decision subject of first sentence that paragraph. After brief discussions Ambassador Bottler expressed appreciation for pointing up this possible interpretation and said he would assure no misunderstanding this point in oral remarks. He then inquired what we propose state in notes.

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